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SUBJECT: HARVARD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIPS

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1. HARVARD FELLOWSHIPS HAVE BEEN SUBJECT INTENSE DISCUSSIONS WITHIN MFA. MATTER PERIPHERALLY DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR HAYDEN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT ASIA FOUNDATION, DURING HIS VISIT ISLAMABAD LATE 1973.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS CONTINUED CONVERSATIONS WITH ASIA FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD HENDRICKSON, DURING NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1973. HENDRICKSON WAS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED ISLAMABAD TO MOVE TAF OFFICE FROM LAHORE TO ISLAMABAD AND PREPARE FOR TAF SAN FRANCISCO AN EXPANDED PROJECTION OF ASIA FOUNDATION PROGRAM FOR PAKISTAN. THIS WAS THE RESULT OF GOP-TAF SIGNING OF NEW STATUS AGREEMENT DURING AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS' VISIT.

3. HENDRICKSON WAS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING ASIA FOUNDATION SUPPORT HARVARD FELLOWSHIP AND INCLUDED IT AS LINE ITEM IN HIS PROPOSED PROGRAM WHICH WAS PRESENTED TAF HEAD-QUARTERS AND GOP ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION. FYI HENDRICKSON PRESENTLY IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PAKISTANI OFFICER-IN-CHARGE NOT AWARE OF ANY DEFINITIVE DECISION EITHER ON OVERALL PROGRAM OR DISPOSITION HARVARD FELLOWSHIP. DEPARTMENT CAN INQUIRE BY CALLING FOUNDATION. END FYI.

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4. FORD FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE FRANK MILLER IS ABSENT

FROM PAKISTAN. HIS ASSISTANT MR. AFTAB AHKTAR DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PAO AND STATED THAT FOUNDATION HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM CENTER DIRECTOR PROFESSOR BROWN REQUESTING FORD'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT. FORD DOUNDTION, ACCORDING AHKTAR, WILL PROBABLY NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT PROJECT SINCE SIMILAR PROJECTS ALREADY REFUSED. MR. AHKTAR VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT PROFESSOR BROWN MENTIONED THE FOUR CANDIDATES UNDER CONSIDERATION AND ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT HARVARD IS TILTING TOWARD IQBAL RIZA SINCE IT WOULD BE LESS FINANCIALLY BURDENSOME. FYI EMBASSY CONSIDERS THIS BROWN INDISCRETION REGRETTABLE BECAUSE SENIOR OFFICERS IN MFA HAVE TRIED NOT TO INDICATE PREFERENCE TO HARVARD. THE COMPETITION IS VERY KEEN AND ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE COMPETENT AND HAVE ACTIVIST SUPPORTERS IN MINISTRY. FORD DOUNDTION PLANS TO TELL PROFESSOR BROWN THAT REGARDLESS OF COST HARVARD SHOULD SELECT THE MOST COMPETENT. EMBASSY AGREES WITH THIS PHILOSOPHY IN LIGHT OF PAST EXPERIENCE WHEN QUALITY OF CANDIDATES DECLINED. MISSION NOTES IT CAUTIONED ABOUT NOT CONVEYING CENTER'S INTENTIONS AND THEN BROWN GOES AHEAD AND DIVULGES POSSIBLE DECISION TO FORD. END FYI.

5. HARVARD'S REQUEST WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED WITH FRANK MILLER UPON HIS RETURN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 6.

6. EMBASSY AGREES WITH DEPARTMENT THAT USE OF IV FUNDS WOULD SERIOUSLY SKEW PROGRAM. EMBASSY HAS NOMINATIONS IN PROCESS WITH MFA WHICH IF ACCEPTED WILL REQUIRE ENTIRE ALLOCATION. ALSO IMPORTANT THAT SELECTION OF CANDIDATE BE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY CENTER. EMBASSY PLEASED THAT GOP MFA HAS AGREED TO ADHERE TO THIS PRINCIPLE. CERTAINLY WE DO NOT WANT FELLOWSHIP BE INTERTWINED IN COMPLICATED GOP EDUCATIONAL SELECTION PROCEDURES. IN THIS CONNCECTION BELIEVE USEF INVOLVEMENT ALSO UNDESIREABLE.

7. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THIS PROJECT BE FUNDED BY ASIA FOUNDATION AND THAT DEPARTMENT AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY CENTER ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS OR HENDRICKSON. HENDRICKSON IS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND AVID PROPONENT OF THIS PROJECT.

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8. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT KEEPING EMBASSY INFORMED THIS PROJECT. BYROADE

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